



Credential Tip Sheet: Michigan Natural Hair Cultivation License

Career Cluster: Human Services

CIP Code: 12.0400

CIP Program Name: Cosmetology

Assessment Agency: PSI Exams Online

Credentialing Agency: State of Michigan Department of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

Industry-recognized credential: Michigan Natural Hair Cultivation License

What are the content areas covered by the credential?

The Michigan Natural Hair Cultivation exam covers sanitation, anatomy and disorders, artistic principles, braiding and extensions, and occupational safety and health. Teachers can find more information at [LARA - Cosmetology \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.lara.mi.gov/cosmetology).



Credential Qualifications or Pre-requisites

To be eligible to test, a candidate must be at least 17 years of age with the education equivalent to the completion of the 9th grade, registered with the Michigan State Board of Cosmetology as a student in a licensed school of cosmetology and have completed at least 400 hours or no less than 6 months as an apprentice in a licensed cosmetology establishment. Students must also complete all required minimum practical applications (MPA) as prescribed in rule. This license is required by law in the state of Michigan and is the pre-requisite for the Natural Hair Cultivation Instructor license.

Licensing information, requirements, and instructions for application can be found on the [LARA Cosmetology webpage](https://www.lara.mi.gov/cosmetology) and [Michigan Natural Hair Cultivation Licensing Guide](https://www.lara.mi.gov/natural-hair-cultivation). License holders must renew every two years by visiting the [MIPLUS](https://www.miplus.com) portal and paying a renewal fee.

Exam Information

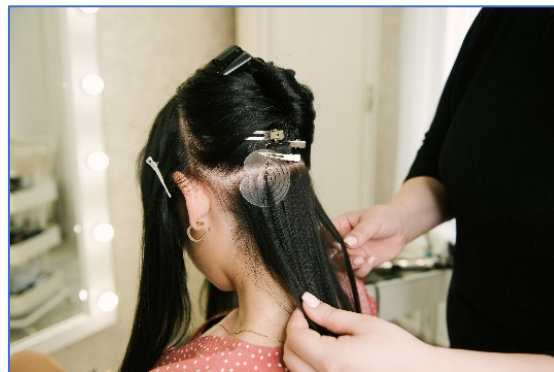
The exam consists of a practical and theory assessment. The theory test is a proctored, timed exam delivered at one of several sites that can be chosen by the student. The practical exam is a timed performance assessment consisting of a demonstration of skills in natural hair cultivation given at one of multiple examination site locations chosen by the candidate. All practical examination services are performed on a mannequin or model. Examination candidates are required to provide one form of acceptable identification to the exam and must carefully read and adhere to all security procedures. Additional specific exam information can be found in the candidate bulletin on the [PSI Exams Online website](https://www.psiexams.com).

Who is eligible for the credential?

Student concentrators in state-approved CTE programs who have completed at least two Perkins Course Competencies (PCC) with a 2.0 or better and have completed the qualifications and instruction required by the credentialing body may take the credential exam.

A PCC is a specific set of related CTE competencies based on standards from one CIP code that are grouped together. For Perkins V reporting, standardized courses will be termed "PCCs." (Source: [Perkins V FINAL Definitions: Course, Participant, Concentrator, Completer](#) memo)

Credentials earned may be recorded for students in the Career and Technical Education Information System (CTEIS) through August 31st of the student's graduation year. Step-by-step instructions on how to enter credentials in CTEIS can be found here: [Manage Credentials Guide](#).



Contact Information

Testing Information

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